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RSC Update: Voting This Week on a Balanced Budget Amendment

From the Chairman

Conservatives have led the fight for a [Balanced Budget Amendment](#), forcing the House and Senate to vote. Although I would prefer a BBA with stronger protections against spending and tax increases, the plain version we expect to vote on this week would forever change the political culture in Washington by requiring Uncle Sam to live within his means.

The liberal tax and spend approach does not just balloon government and hinder economic growth. It unfairly burdens our children and grandchildren, diminishing their opportunities to chase down their own dreams.

I often observe that “discipline is doing what you don’t want to do when you don’t want to do it.” Balancing the budget isn’t just about discipline. It’s also plain common sense – a government should not spend more than it takes in. It is time for Congress to accept a limit on its runaway spending, and join the 49 states which govern with a balanced budget requirement.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.

- Rep. Tom McClintock (CA-04): [Putting Freedom Back to Work](#); The Washington Times, November 7.
- Rep. Marlin Stutzman (IN-03): [Reform Farm Programs and Harvest Savings](#); The Washington Times, November 8.
- Rep. John Kline (MN-02): [Reining In the NLRB Is Good for Workers and Job Creators](#); The Daily Caller, November 9.
- Rep. Tom Price (GA-06): [High Unemployment Rules Out Recycling of Failed Policies](#); The Marietta Daily Journal, November 10.
- Rep. Peter Roskam (IL-06): [We Must Put an End to Medicare Fraud](#); The Miami Herald, November 10.

- Rep. James Lankford (OK-05): [Defending Our Freedom, Building Our Future](#); The Edmond Sun, November 10.
- Rep. Scott Garrett (NJ-05): [Small Businesses Are Key to Job Creation, Not Government](#); The Express Times, November 12.
- Rep. Jim Jordan (OH-04): [No Time for 'Supercommittee' to Raise Taxes](#); USA Today, November 13.

RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America’s future.

- Rep. Rick Berg (ND) introduced [H.R. 3379](#), the *Regional Haze Federalism Act*, which would rein in the Obama Administration’s federal takeover of state regional haze management, which threatens to create more business uncertainty, stifle job creation and increase energy costs for American families and small businesses.
- Rep. Bobby Schilling (IL-17) introduced [H.R. 3376](#), the *Saving Over Spending Act*, to incentivize smarter spending throughout the federal government.

House Floor Activity – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.

- The House was not in session last week.

Outlook – A quick look at what’s on the horizon.

- On Tuesday, the House is expected to consider H.R. 822, the *National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act*.
- On Wednesday, the House is expected to consider H.R. 3094, the *Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act*.
- On Friday, the House is expected to consider H.R. 2838, the *Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act*.
- At some point this week, the House is expected to consider a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and at least one spending bill for the current fiscal year.

RSC Reports

- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a [weekly report](#) on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the [RSC Money Monitor](#) tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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